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of Active Agents into Occlusal Surfaces of Teeth

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

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Dear Sir:

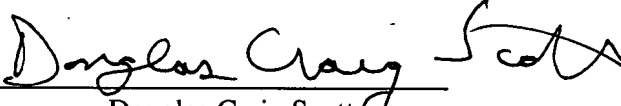
I, Douglas Craig Scott, hereby declare the following:

1. THAT, I am a co-inventor of the subject matter in the application identified above ("the present application").
2. I received a B.S. degree in Pharmacy in 1986 from the University of Cincinnati, College of Pharmacy. I received a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutics in 1991 from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, School of Pharmacy. My expertise is in the areas of pharmaceutical formulation (solids, liquids, semi-solids), drug delivery, controlled release, pharmacokinetics, modeling, and processing. I have multiple publications and patents. Since 1991, I have been employed at the Procter and Gamble Company, where I have worked in multiple health care areas including prescription and over-the-counter drugs (respiratory, gastrointestinal); the last 10 years of my career have been spent in oral care.
3. In May 2007, the oral retention of three samples was evaluated. The three samples were example 8 in US patent 6,706,256 (Lawlor), Eclipse chewing gum, and a BreathSavers mint. Subjects chewed the Lawlor example and BreathSavers mint for

4. Any tooth surfaces with visibly retained composition were counted at 5, 10, 20, and 30 minutes. The attached table of data, Fig. 1, shows the results of the oral retention evaluation. After 5 minutes, no subject's tooth visibly retained any of the three samples. The attached photographs in Fig. 2 are representative images of the subjects' teeth 5 minutes following product use.
5. In August 2003, three different dentifrice tablets with a CaCO_3 granulation were prepared to be used for evaluation of oral retention. To evaluate oral retention of the samples, in September 2003, subjects chewed a sample for about 5 seconds to about 30 seconds, brushed their teeth with a manual, flat head, soft toothbrush for about 30 seconds, expectorated the slurry created from the brushing, rinsed with about 10 ml of water, and expectorated again. Visible surfaces with retained composition were counted at 5, 15, and 30 minutes. The attached table of data, Fig. 3, shows the results of the oral retention evaluation. The attached photographs, Figs. 4-6, show examples of the subjects' teeth during the oral retention evaluation, demonstrating the deposition and retention of the composition in the subjects' teeth.

I, declare all statements made herein are true to the best of my knowledge, or if made upon information and belief, are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Further Declarants sayeth not.



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